

21: Asai--4 [3]
116, 171, 777, 787

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Formosan Aborigines

"Dreams are important in divination. The lucky and unlucky days for hunting are told in dreams. Another kind of divination is by the Sisili bird. When they go hunting (whether for birds or for animals), they count the number of cries of the bird, and if the number is unlucky, they will go back to the village. This is an Indonesian type of divination."

34: Del Re--20-23

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116, 183, 421, 577, 627, 777

Yami

"The real secret of the smooth working of their system of life may be attributed to the absence of any selfish possessive feeling in respect of things and persons based on deep-rooted 'natural' ethical principles which allow the reciprocal claims of the individual and the community to be harmoniously adjusted in a spirit of freedom and equality. An illuminating instance of [pages 21 and 22 contain illustrations] [23] the application of these principles (6) is seen in the custom, which still persists though

6. According to VF (Pt. I, p. 9) community of property is not usual among other Formosan savages.

frowned upon by the police, of settling every community dispute by means of a wrestling match followed, in cases where the two parties are not satisfied, by a bloodless duel. When this occurs, the two opponents armed with bamboo lances and wearing rattan armour proceed to the seashore accompanied by their seconds and there fight it out. It rarely happens that either is seriously injured or killed, because this would be considered highly unlucky and must therefore be avoided."